NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) to (c) A survey made in Chondwar Town reveals that there is no pollution due to carbonmonoxide from the Charge Crome Plant. Adequate pollution control measures have been taken by the unit. The unit has installed necessary Electro-Static Precipitators in its thermal power plant for control of air pollution. The unit has taken steps to instal the necessary gas cleaning plant in the Charge Crome Unit, which has recently started its trial production. The unit has also installed a sedimentation tank to arrest the suspended particulate matter from the waste water generated from the plant.

Non-Declaration of Result of the Candidates seeking Re-Checking before the Commencement of next Supplementary Examinations

2282. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the students of 10th and 12th classes of C.B.S.E. who were required to appear in the supplementary examination in the respective subjects applied for re-checking of their respective papers and a sum of Rs. 50/- was received by the Central Board per subject for the purpose of rechecking;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the result of re-checking of the respective papers was to be declared at least a fort-night before the commencement of the supplementary examination to be held on the 29th July, 1990; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take against the Board authorities responsible for delay and refund the fees for rechecking deposited by the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir. It is not a fact that most compartmental students of classes 10 and 12 applied for rechecking. However, it is true that Central Board of Secondary Education charges Rs. 50 per subject for re-checking.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Hasassment of Scientists in C.F.R.I.

2283. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item and letters to the Editor column which appeared in "The Telegraph" dated the 4th January, and the 21st February, 1990, respectively under the captions 'Scientists Quit Grievance Panel' and "Healing touch needed" respectively;

(b) if so, whether the reasons for which the Scientists were deliberately deprived of their rightful promotion by the Director, Central Fuel Research Institute;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to redress the grievances of the Scientists namely Shri D. N. Singh, Dr. R. N. Bhattacharjee and Dr. S. Sen in the matter of their promotions;

(d) whether it is a fact that none of the letters written by Shri B. N. P. Singh, General Manager, Bihar State Superphosphate Factory, Sindri to the C.S.I.R. authorities and the Director, Central Fuel Research Institute was replied;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) if not, what steps Government have taken to look into the points raised by Shri B. N. P. Singh, and a member of the Interview Committee regarding the promotion of the Scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K.

MENON): (a) The news item and the letter to the Editor which appeared in "The Telegraph" on the 4th January and 21st February, 1990 respectively have been noted.

(b) and (c) No scientist has been deprived of rightful promotion as alleged. As per the policy with regard to assessment of Scientists for promotion from EI to EII, two parameters needed to be satisfied: (i) Only those scientists who secured a rating above the threshold were to be considered for placement in the higher grade; (ii) In case the number of scientists who crossed the threshold rating exceeded 50 per cent of the total number of scientists appearing for interview, only 50 per cent of the scientists in order of merit would be placed in the higher grade. None of the 3 scientists mentioned secured marks above the threshold fixed by the Assessment Committee.

(d) to (f) A member of the Assessment Committee wrote letter evincing interest with respect to one candidate whose scientific discipline did not fall within the members' field of expertise. Since the decisions are taken by the Committee as a whole and since the said member's expertise did not pertain to the scientific discipline of the candidate, the letters tantamount to undue and unjustified pressure from a member of the Assessment Committee. Normally such acts would attract reprimand. However, in this case, it was decided to close the matter.

Disclosures regarding the Allahabad connection

2284. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the revealing disclosures made in the article entitled 'the Allahabad Connection' which appeared in the Sunday Mail of the 10th June, 1990 raising serious doubts on the bureaucracy at its highest as also the political masters; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government would make inquiries in the matter and keep them in mind before making fresh promotions, foreign transfers/tours etc.?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have seen the article published in the 'Sunday Mail', dated 10th June, 1990.

Selection of officers for appointment to senior posts in the Government of India is made only with due regard to seniority, merit and suitability.

"Emerson Football Challenge shield missing from Danapur Contonment Board, Bihar

2285. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will he PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the "Emerson Football Challenge Shield" a hundred years old football tournament costing Rs. 80,000 has been missing from the custody of Danapur Cantonment Board, Bihar, since August 1987;

(b) if so, whether the matter was reported to police;

(c) if so, the details of action taken by the Dinapur police in this regard;

(d) whether Government propose to refer this case to the C.B.I., Patna for investigations and finding out the real culprits; and

(e) if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) A very old sheild, deposited in the store room of Danapur Cantonment Board Office, was found missing and the matter was reported to the local police on 1st September, 1987.